

# Citizen Action for Political Education (CAPE)

## What is CAPE?

CAPE is a voluntary political contribution. By joining CAPE, you are supporting lawmakers who support the issues that are important to working people and our families. This is the most important step we can take since our victories are directly linked to our ability to elect people who support our services. The best part is, your CAPE contribution qualifies as an Oregon Tax credit, which means you get the money back at tax time. This is a great way to support our services and our jobs, and it doesn't cost a thing. (Up to \$50 filing single, and \$100 filing joint.)

## Voluntary SEIU Local 503, OPEU Political Action Check-off

- \$4.16/month     \$8.33/month     \$16.65/month  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**This contribution qualifies for the Oregon Political Tax Credit. Single filers are eligible for a credit of up to \$50 per year; joint filers up to \$100 per year.**

I hereby authorize my Employer to deduct the designated amount from my monthly earnings as a contribution to SEIU Local 503, OPEU CAPE. My contribution will be used to support member-endorsed candidates and for expenditures in connection with elections for Local, Legislative, Statewide and Federal offices. These elected officials make critical decisions on salaries, healthcare, retirement and other benefits and laws affecting SEIU Local 503, OPEU members. A portion of this contribution (as much as 48% for the average contributor) may be used by SEIU for federal elections. This contribution is not deductible for federal income tax purposes.

The contribution amounts indicated above are only suggestions and I may choose not to contribute or to vary my contribution amount without reprisal from my Union or my Employer. As per federal law, only union members and union executive/administrative staff who are U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents are eligible to contribute to SEIU COPE (the Federal Committee on Political Education.) This authorization is made voluntarily and is not a condition of my employment or membership in the union. This authorization shall remain in effect until revoked in writing by me. **(This contribution is in addition to union dues).**

*Dues and fees to SEIU Local 503, OPEU are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes. Dues paid to SEIU Local 503, OPEU may qualify as business expenses, and may not be deductible in limited circumstances subject to various restrictions imposed by the Internal Revenue Code. Changes which may from time to time occur in state and federal law will not alter these deduction requests, unless so indicated by me.*

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PRINT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

IF APPLICABLE, Please check one:  HOMECARE     CHILD CARE     ADULT FOSTER CARE

AGENCY/EMPLOYER: \_\_\_\_\_

HOMECARE, CHILD CARE AND ADULT FOSTER CARE PLEASE DO NOT FILL OUT THIS LINE DUE TO CLIENT CONFIDENTIALITY. ALL OTHERS, PLEASE FILL IN THIS LINE SO WE MAY LOCATE YOU IN OUR DATABASE.

**Return completed form to your organizer or to:  
SEIU Local 503, PO Box 12159, Salem OR 97309**

SIGNATURE  
REQUIRED